

REMARKS

Rejection of Claims under 35 USC §§102(e) and 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 30, 32, 33 and 35-38 as being unpatentable over Reeves et al. (US 20020071390 A1) or over Carpini et al. (US 20030063613 A1), depending upon the specific claim in question. Further, the Examiner has rejected Claims 24-29, 31, 34 and 39 as being anticipated by Reeves et al. or by Carpini et al., depending upon the specific claim in question. The Applicant respectfully submits that neither the Reeves et al. reference nor the Carpini et al. reference are applicable against the instant patent application. A Declaration made by Curt Dodd accompanies this response and demonstrates a conception date of at least July 4, 2001 and subsequent due diligence, which suffices to remove both references. Accordingly, the rejections of the claims under 35 USC §§102(e) and 103(a) are believed overcome, and allowance of the application is hereby requested.

Conclusion

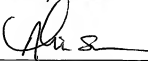
It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due for this submission. However, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to debit any required fee from Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. The Commissioner is further authorized to debit any additional amount required, and to credit any overpayment to the above-noted deposit account.

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